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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: MAURITANIA AT NAM COLOMBO SUMMIT

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1. YEDALI OULD CHEIKH, JUST RETURNED MEMBER GIRM DELEGATION TO NAM SUMMIT (AND PRESIDENCY ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL FOR LEGAL AFFAIRS, FREQUENT FOREIGN AFFAIRS EXPERT-AT-LARGE AND ADVISOR TO FOREIGN MINISTER, AND REGULAR MEMBER UNGA DELEGATION) MADE FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS RE COLOMBO TO AMBASSADOR EVENING AUGUST 26.

2. ON KOREA: GIRM MADE SEPCIAL POINT OF TELLING NORTH KOREAN DELEGATION THAT IT WAS DISPLEASED WITH DPRK AND PRECISELY WHY "SO THERE WILL BE NO MISTAKE OR MISUNDERSTANDING ABOUT OUR POSITION" IN ADDITION TO RECORDING EXPLICIT RESERVATION ON SUMMIT KOREAN ACTION. GIST OF COMMENT
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SUGGESTED THAT GIRM BILL OF PARTICULARS COVERED KOREAN

QUESTION AS WELL AS DPRK STANCE ON SAHARA. WHEN I OBSERVED THAT FINAL COLOMBO KOREAN LANGUAGE WAS EVEN WORSE THAN LANGUAGE GIRM HAD RESERVED ON DUE TO DPRK POST-CONFERENCE ARM-TWISTING (REF A), OULD CHEIKH REPLIED HE WAS NOT SURPRISED IN SLIGHTEST IN VIEW OF EARLIER DPRK PRESSURE TACTICS AND TENDENCY OF SECRETARIAT TO CAVE.

3. ON CONFUSION OF FINAL HOURS: OULD CHEIKH CITED ANTI-FRENCH SUMMIT RESOLUTION AS ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF POST-CONFERENCE MANEUVERING. HE DECLARED HE HAD ATTENDED EVERY SESSION OF POLITICAL COMMITTEE, AND HAD NEVER HEARD ANYTHING ABOUT AN ANTI-FRENCH RESOLUTION UNTIL AFTER CONFERENCE WAS COMPLETELY OVER AND HE WAS ON ROUTE BACK TO MAURITANIA.

4. ON PUERTO RICO: OULD CHEIKH REPORTED THAT GIRM HAD FILED WRITTEN RESERVATION ON SUMMIT ACTION/LANGUAGE ON PUERTO RICO.

5. EMBASSY WOULD MUCH APPRECIATE ANY INDEPENDENT CONFIRMATION WHICH U.S. NAM OBSERVERS MAY HAVE OR MAY OBTAIN RE GIRM RESERVATION ON PUERTO RICO. IF, AS IT PRESENTLY APPEARS FROM HERE, GIRM REPS AT COLOMBO WERE AS HELPFUL AS REPRESENTATIVES OF SOME OF OUR MUCH OLDER AND MUCH CLOSER FRIENDS (REF B), A HIGH LEVEL WORD OF U.S. APPRECIATION COULD PAY REAL DIVIDENDS FOR THE NEXT ROUND.

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